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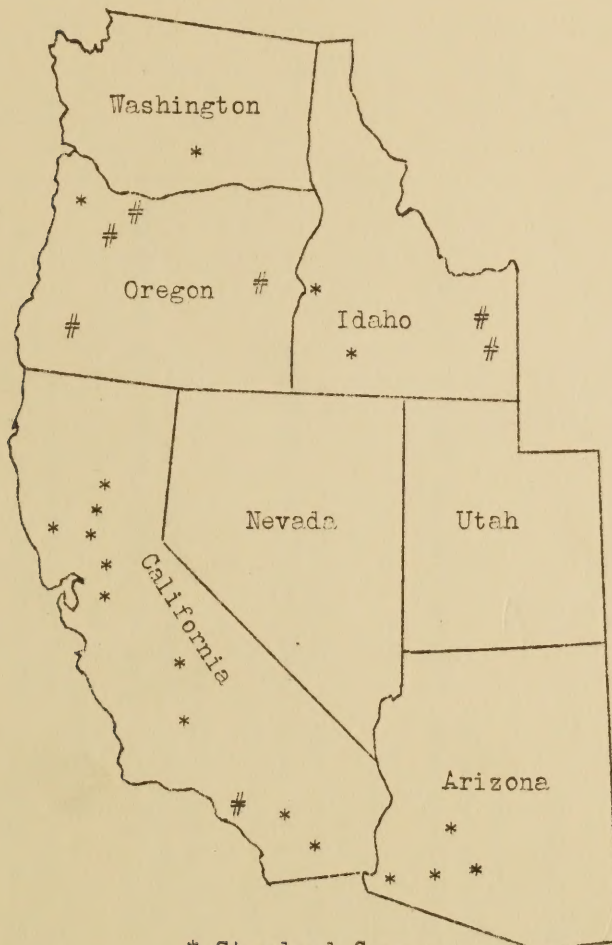
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Bureau of Agricultural Economics
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Employment Situation of Agricultural Workers Living in
FSA Farm Labor Camps

Current Report No. 7

Arizona, California, and Northwest Camps, July 13 to August 10, 1940



* Standard Camps
Mobile Camps

Berkeley, California

September 10, 1940

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Table 1A

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm
Labor Camps in Oregon, Washington and Idaho
July 13 to August 10, 1940

	Week ending				Four week average
	July 20	July 27	August 3	August 10	
1. Percentage of workers receiving employment:					
(a) Employment other than public assistance	74.0	76.8	66.2	83.9	75.3
(b) Public works programs	2.6	1.6	3.5	2.0	2.4
2. Percentage of families with at least one worker employed:					
(a) Employment other than public assistance	71.1	71.2	69.7	85.0	74.7
(b) Public works programs	5.2	3.6	7.8	4.3	5.2
3. Average workers per family:					
(a) Employed on other than public assistance	1.50	1.72	1.50	1.78	1.63
(b) Employed on public assistance	.05	.04	.08	.04	.05
(c) Unemployed	.47	.50	.67	.30	.48
(d) Total Workers	2.02	2.23	2.25	2.13	2.16
4. Average days employment (other than public assistance)					
(a) Employed workers	3.74	3.26	3.20	4.06	3.60
(b) All workers	2.78	2.53	2.16	3.45	2.73
5. Employment index*	46.0	41.7	35.7	57.2	45.2
6. Average distance (in miles) from camp to job (public assistance projects excluded)	5.8	7.8	6.7	6.0	6.6
(Camps included in above figures)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(10)	-
(Families included in above figures)	(173)	(198)	(218)	(233)	(822)

* Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week). If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

Table 2

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EARNINGS

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm
Labor Camps in California and Arizona
July 13 to August 10, 1940

	Week ending					Four Week Average
	July 20	July 27	August 3	August 10	August 10	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1. Average earnings from other than public assistance projects:						
(a) Per worker employed	9.80	7.87	10.35	11.26	10.03	10.03
(b) Per worker: all workers	2.25	2.35	4.39	5.36	3.56	3.56
2. Average earnings from public assistance projects:						
(a) Per worker engaged	13.12	10.44	10.92	12.18	11.75	11.75
3. Average family earnings: all families						
(a) Employment other than public assistance	4.62	4.70	8.35	9.77	6.92	6.92
(b) Employment on public assistance projects	2.08	1.31	1.33	1.44	1.54	1.54
(c) All employment (a) + (b)	6.70	6.01	9.68	11.21	8.46	8.46
(Camps included in above figures)	(14)	(14)	(15)	(15)	(780)	(780)
(Families included in above figures)	(189)	(191)	(197)	(203)		

Table 2A

SUMMARY OF WEEKLY EARNINGS

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm
Labor Camps in Oregon, Washington and
Idaho

July 13 to August 10, 1940

	Week ending				Four Week Average
	July 20	July 27	August 3	August 10	
1. Average earnings from other than public assistance projects:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
(a) Per worker employed	7.74	6.15	6.15	8.00	7.03
(b) Per worker: all workers	6.06	4.72	4.05	6.71	5.35
2. Average earnings from public assistance projects:					
(a) Per worker engaged	11.81	8.02	6.46	6.72	7.89
3. Average family earnings: all families					
(a) Employment other than public assistance	11.59	10.59	9.12	14.29	11.46
(b) Employment on public assistance projects	.62	.28	.51	.29	.41
(c) All employment (a) + (b)	12.21	10.87	9.63	14.58	11.87
(Camps included in above figures)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(10)	-
(Families included in above figures)	(173)	(198)	(218)	(233)	(822)

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm Labor Camps
in California and Arizona
July 13 to August 10, 1940.

		Week ending :				
		July	July	August	August	Four week
		20	27	3	10	average
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CAMPS						
1.	Per Cent of Workers Employed:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	21	33	64	67	45
	(b) On public assistance projects	3	3	3	2	3
2.	Per Cent of Families with at least one worker employed**	37	58	76	82	64
3.	Average Earnings: all families:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$ 6.15	\$ 6.53	\$14.10	\$15.46	\$10.64
	(b) On public assistance projects	\$ 1.00	\$.39	\$.38	\$.35	\$.52
	(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$ 7.15	\$ 6.92	\$14.48	\$15.81	\$11.16
4.	Employment index*	15.4	18.7	42.8	51.2	30.7
5.	Average miles from camp to job**	6.8	6.7	6.2	6.7	6.6
6.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	-
7.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(68)	(71)	(71)	(73)	(283)
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CAMPS ***						
1.	Per Cent of Workers Employed:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	21	30	42	48	35
	(b) On public assistance projects	8	3	6	3	5
2.	Per Cent of Families with at least one worker employed**	36	52	68	69	56
3.	Average Earnings: all families:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.16	\$ 7.52	\$ 8.95	\$ 6.28
	(b) On public assistance projects	\$ 2.40	\$.89	\$ 1.50	\$.99	\$ 1.44
	(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$ 6.90	\$ 5.05	\$ 9.02	\$ 9.94	\$ 7.72
4.	Employment index*	13.8	14.1	24.9	34.4	21.5
5.	Average miles from camp to job**	7.4	7.5	8.1	8.9	8.1
6.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)
7.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(64)	(64)	(62)	(65)	(255)
*	Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week.) If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.					

Public assistance projects. excluded.

*** 25 jobs fighting forest fires at Arvin Camp omitted from calculations.

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm Labor Camps
in California and Arizona
July 13 to August 10, 1940.

		Week ending				
		July	July	August	August	Four week
		20	27	3	10	average
IMPERIAL AND COACHELLA VALLEY CAMPS (INCLUDING SAN JACINTO)						
1.	Per Cent of Workers Employed:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	34	30	23	38	32
	(b) On public assistance projects	8	7	10	6	7
2.	Per Cent of Families with at least one worker employed**	37	40	33	48	40
3.	Average Earnings: all families:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.54	\$ 2.91	\$ 5.50	\$ 3.98
	(b) On public assistance projects	\$ 2.03	\$.94	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.35
	(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$ 5.92	\$ 4.48	\$ 4.30	\$ 6.54	\$ 5.33
4.	Employment index*	20.0	16.0	12.1	19.6	17.1
5.	Average miles from camp to job**	6.4	3.9	3.4	3.8	4.4
6.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	-
7.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(30)	(30)	(27)	(29)	(116)
ARIZONA CAMPS						
1.	Per Cent of Workers Employed:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	23	20	17	20	20
	(b) On public assistance projects	21	24	10	21	18
2.	Per Cent of Families with at least one worker employed**	37	35	32	36	35
3.	Average Earnings: all families:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.70	\$ 3.12	\$ 2.56
	(b) On public assistance projects	\$ 4.10	\$ 5.29	\$ 2.83	\$ 4.80	\$ 4.17
	(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$ 5.94	\$ 7.61	\$ 5.53	\$ 7.92	\$ 6.73
4.	Employment index*	10.5	13.0	9.8	12.7	11.42
5.	Average miles from camp to job**	6.3	6.9	8.1	4.8	6.6
6.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	-
7.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(27)	(26)	(37)	(36)	(126)
*	Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects + man-days available for employment* (allowing for a six-day week). If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.					
	Public assistance projects excluded.					

Table 3A

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS

Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm Labor Camps
in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho
July 13 to August 10, 1940

	Week ending					Four week average
	July 20	July 27	August 3	August 10		
WESTERN OREGON ***						
1. Per Cent of Workers Employed:						
(a) On other than public assistance projects	93	88	85	85		88
(b) On public assistance projects	1	-	1	1		1
2. Per Cent of Families with at least one worker employed*	95	95	86	83		89
3. Average Earnings: all families:						
(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$ 18.93	\$ 14.46	\$ 14.54	\$ 21.94		\$ 17.55
(b) On public assistance projects	\$.55	\$ -	\$.25	\$.32		\$.28
(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$ 19.48	\$ 14.46	\$ 14.79	\$ 22.26		\$ 17.83
4. Employment index**	59.9	47.9	46.2	74.3		56.7
5. Average miles from camp to job*	3.5	3.4	2.8	2.2		3.0
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(4)		-
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(53)	(53)	(64)	(70)		(255)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

** Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week.) If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

***Dayton, Gresham, West Stayton, Grant's Pass

Table 3A (2)

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm Labor Camps
in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho
July 13 to August 10, 1940

		Week ending				
		July	July	August	August	Four week
		20	27	3	10	average
EASTERN OREGON AND SOUTHERN IDAHO***						
1.	Per Cent of Workers Employed:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	56	79	59	84	71
	(b) On public assistance projects	6	3	3	1	3
2.	Per Cent of Families with at least one worker employed*	58	63	72	85	71
3.	Average Earnings: all families:					
	(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$ 7.74	\$10.11	\$ 7.32	\$11.26	\$ 9.24
	(b) On public assistance projects	\$.89	\$.48	\$.42	\$.13	\$.44
	(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$ 8.63	\$10.59	\$ 7.74	\$11.39	\$ 9.68
4.	Employment index**	32.8	42.5	31.5	46.8	39.4
5.	Average miles from camp to job*	7.0	12.2	10.1	8.6	9.7
6.	(Number of camps included in above calculations)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	-
7.	(Number of families included in above calculations)	(80)	(99)	(109)	(120)	(408)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

** Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week.) If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

*** Twin Falls, Caldwell, Driggs, Nyssa, Victor.

Table 3A (3)

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT BY REGIONS
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm Labor Camps
in Oregon, Washington and Idaho
July 13 to August 10, 1940

	Week ending				Four week
	July 20	July 27	August 3	August 10	average
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON					
1. Per Cent of Workers Employed:					
(a) On other than public assistance projects	53	34	34	79	49
(b) On public assistance projects	2	2	11	6	6
2. Per Cent of Families with at least one worker employed*	63	53	42	88	62
3. Average Earnings: all families					
(a) On other than public assistance projects	\$8.21	\$5.12	\$5.79	\$10.30	\$7.39
(b) On public assistance projects	\$.10	\$.23	\$ 1.07	\$.68	\$.56
(c) All employment ((a) + (b))	\$8.31	\$5.35	\$6.86	\$10.98	\$7.95
4. Employment index**					
5. Average miles from camp to job*	29.9	18.4	18.1	41.4	26.5
6. (Number of camps included in above calculations)	10.2	10.0	9.1	8.6	9.3
7. (Number of families included in above calculations)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	-
	(35)	(36)	(45)	(43)	(159)

* Public assistance projects excluded.

** Man-days employment received on other than public assistance projects ÷ man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week). If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

Table 4

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS BY REGIONS

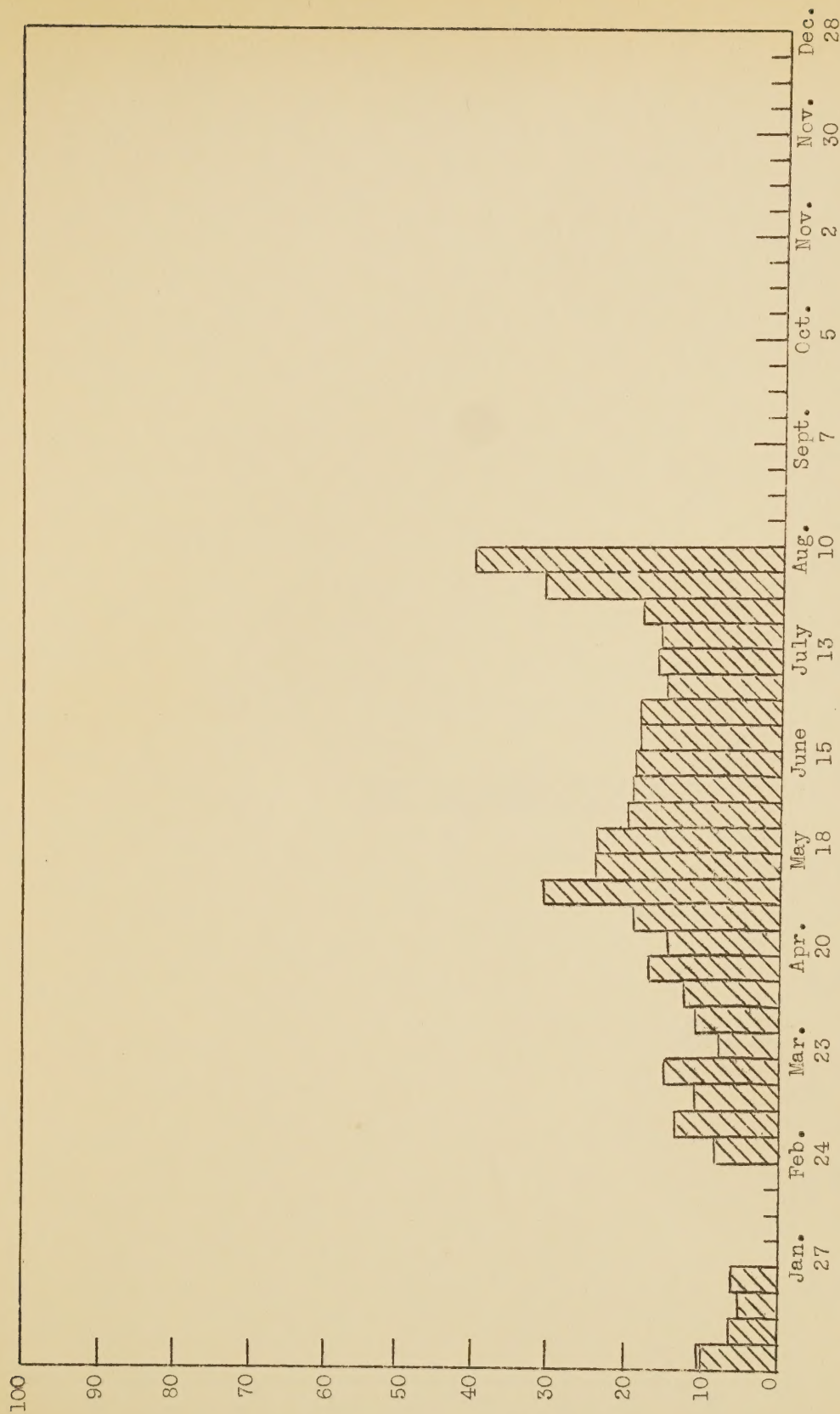
Agricultural Workers Living in FSA Farm Labor Camps
 Four Week Averages
 July 13 to August 10, 1940

	: California : and : Arizona	: Oregon : Washington : and Idaho
1. Percentage of workers receiving employment	:	:
(a) Employment other than public assistance	: 35.5	: 75.3
(b) Public works programs	: 6.7	: 2.4
2. Percentage of families with at least one worker employed	:	:
(a) Employment other than public assistance	: 52.9	: 74.7
(b) Public works programs	: 12.6	: 5.2
3. Average days employment (other than on public assistance)	:	:
(a) Employed workers	: 3.82	: 3.60
(b) All workers	: 1.36	: 2.73
4. Employment Index*	: 22.7	: 45.2
5. Average distance (in miles) from camp to job	: 6.8	: 6.6
6. Average earnings from other than public assistance projects	:	:
(a) Per worker employed	: \$10.03	: \$ 7.03
(b) Per worker: all workers	: \$ 3.56	: \$ 5.35
7. Average family earnings:	:	:
(a) Per family with at least one worker employed on other than public assistance	: \$13.08	: \$15.34
(b) Per family: all families	: \$ 8.46	: \$11.87
(Families included in above figures)	: (780)	: (822)

* Men-days employment received on other than public assistance projects : man-days available for employment (allowing for a six-day week). If all workers were fully employed the index number would be 100.

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT INDEX* FOR CALIFORNIA

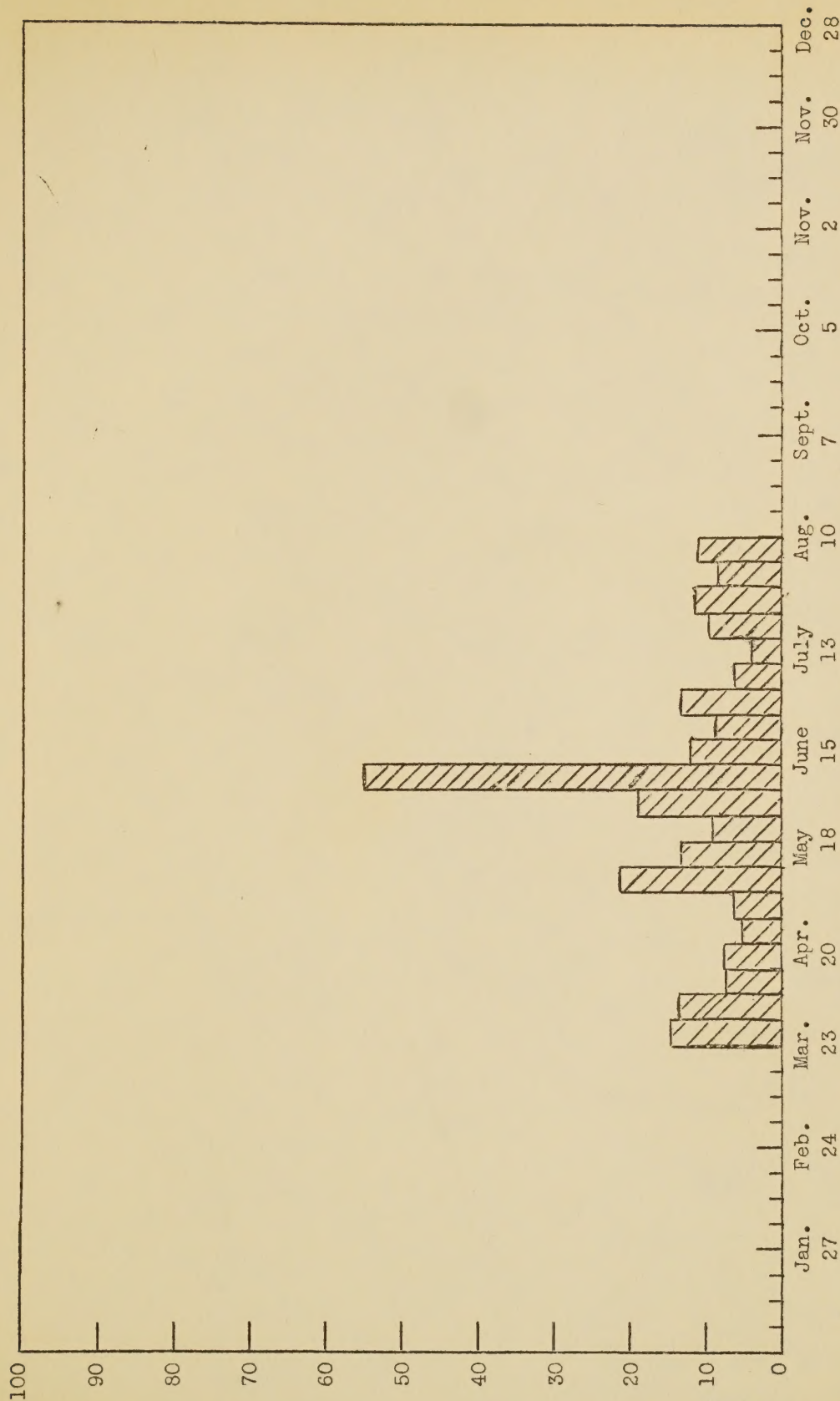
Agricultural Workers Living in Farm Security Administration Farm Labor Camps



* The employment index is determined as follows: Aggregate man-days employment on other than public assistance projects for the week is divided by the aggregate man-days available for employment (employed plus unemployed), allowing for a six-day week.

WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT INDEX* FOR ARIZONA

Agricultural Workers Living in Farm Security Administration Farm Labor Camps



* The employment index is determined as follows: Aggregate man-days employment on other than public assistance projects for the week is divided by the aggregate man-days available for employment (employed plus unemployed), allowing for a six-day week.

